

BULLETIN NEWS LETTERS FROM ITS BROADENED FIELD

LETTERS FROM TOWNS IN TWO STATES

The Business and Social Life of Every Town and Settlement Reflected in These Columns.

NEW LONDON COUNTY.

FRANKLIN.

Interesting Happenings of the Week—Returned Home a Week Before Hotel Burned—Mrs. Gager to Leave for Wyoming.

Mrs. Reba Race, daughter of Postmaster A. R. Race, has been sick this week with typhoid fever, but is better now.

Charles Lilly of New Hampshire is at his home in Franklin for a few days.

Mrs. C. H. Lathrop and Mrs. E. H. Race attended church in Taftville last Sunday morning.

Mrs. Lewis is able to be out again after a sickness of several weeks.

Frank B. Greenleaf was a visitor in Norwich on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Simpson and daughter Doris of Yantic were the guests of Mr. Simpson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Simpson, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Manning and son Eugene, Miss Annie Parke and Miss Mather of Yantic were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Ayer one day the early part of this week.

Concrete Bridge for Trolley.

The Connecticut company are building a concrete bridge on the road leading from the highway near Gager's crossing. The old bridge was of wood and had become unsafe.

Mrs. O. L. Johnson is the guest of relatives in New Haven.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Lamb entertained on Thursday of last week Mrs. Emma Warren and James Caldwell.

Mrs. Maud Davis returned to Hartford on Monday after spending a few days with Mrs. L. A. Robinson at Mountain View.

Alfred L. Browning has purchased a new auto.

Operated On for Appendicitis.

William Lilly was taken to the Willimantic hospital last Monday suffering with an attack of appendicitis. It was found that an operation was necessary. He was resting comfortably on Friday.

Fishing Trip.

Maxwell Steere of Norwich spent one day on a fishing trip, the guest of Jerry Mahoney.

Appointed Delegates to Norwich Conference.

Deacon Layus A. Robinson, Miss E. I. Smith and Miss Lydia Johnson were appointed delegates from the Franklin Congregational church to the missionary conference to be held at the Park church in Norwich next Monday.

Notes.

Arthur Simpson of Norwich spent Sunday with his great-uncle, Mr. Hastings.

William Brassell is having his house and buildings painted, the work being done by George Minns. Mr. Brassell's farm is known as the Dr. North place.

Frederic L. Swift and daughter, Miss Hazel E. Swift, of Willimantic spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Hyde at Hilltop.

Arthur Tillingshast of Plainfield was coming on leaving one day the early part of this week.

Spoke on Work in China.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Larrabee of Norwich attended the C. E. meeting at the Congregational church last Sunday evening. Mrs. Larrabee spoke on the missionary work in China. Mr. Larrabee sang a solo.

Local Notes.

Louis Ortmann of Norwich was the guest of Lloyd R. Robinson over Sunday.

Miss Lillian Manning and Miss Ethel Manning of Norwich Town were the guests of local relatives on Sunday.

Miss Faith N. Wilcox of Norwich is at the Kentworth Inn in Asheville, N. C. during the past two months, but had returned home about one week before this hotel was totally destroyed by fire a week ago.

Marvin Bailey and family of Norwich spent one day this week at their summer home, Willimantic.

The road leading through Whipoorwill Hollow is in a very bad condition.

Messrs. Alfred Manning of Norwich Town, A. T. Sterry of Norwich and Herbert Manning of Willimantic spent one day recently in town calling on friends.

Postmaster A. R. Race is having his house and buildings painted. Edward Bates, a local painter, is doing the work.

Frederic Lilly has hired Fred Race's farm for one year.

Church Being Painted.

The Franklin church is being painted by Messrs. Frank Greenleaf, Clifford Robinson and Fred Bates. Addison Rockwood is having a residence built around his house on Meetinghouse Hill.

Abundant.

A large number of Scotch orchards during the past two weeks of trailing arbutus. It is very abundant.

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Hyde spent Sunday with the former's brother, Consul S. N. Hyde.

Lavina A. Robinson was a Norwich visitor on Wednesday.

Will Go to Wyoming.

Mrs. Herman A. Gager expects to start for Wyoming on Friday. Her husband, who is employed at the construction of a large dam at Inez, Wyo., Mrs. Gager will visit her son Harry at Mobley, Mo., on her way west, where she will spend the summer.

Constantine Samuel N. Hyde was in Norwich Wednesday on business.

A party of young people who were returning home from Scott orchard last Sunday came up to within thirty feet of five deer. They appeared very tame and were afraid of the party.

Miss Faith N. Wilcox is visiting friends in Providence, R. I.

Lloyd R. Robinson was a Willimantic visitor on Thursday.

Gards from Germany.

Several people in the north part of the town have received postcards bearing the likeness of Arthur M. Abell of Berlin, Germany. Mr. Abell is a victim of conscription and has been in the past twenty years in Germany. He was born in Pleasant Hill in this town.

Twenty-Two Trout.

Louis Ortmann of Norwich spent Thursday on several of the Franklin brooks where trout can be found.

Ortmann returned home in the evening after having his usual good luck by securing twenty-two good sized ones.

Spring Work Well Along.

Nearly all of the farmers have their spring work well under way. Oats are sowed and many early gardens started. The recent rains have made the pastures look green. Several farmers have purchased gasoline engines during the past year to aid them in their farm work.

SALEM.

Prizes for Sunday School Pupils—Lightning Kills a Cat—Play Being Rehearsed by Grange—Personal.

Rev. Mr. Stone of Westchester preached very acceptably at the Congregational church Sunday morning and evening.

The superintendent of the Sunday school, Henry A. Rogers, at a recent session of the school awarded prizes to the following members of the school for perfect attendance during the first quarter of the present year: Mrs. E. R. Bailey, Ernest Beebe, Charles Clark, Lloyd Beebe and Floyd Bailey.

A severe thunder storm passed over this section early Monday evening, following a day unusually warm for the season. The lightning was vivid and affected the telephones. A kitten belonging to Miss Katie Allen was struck by lightning.

The Southern New England Telephone company recently extended its line to Hillside farm, connecting it with the New London division.

Back to the Old Home.

Orrin Browning and family of New London moved last Friday to their newly purchased home here. The place which Mr. Browning has purchased was the home of his childhood.

Robert A. Bailey is recovering from his severe illness, and is able to be about on pleasant days. Mrs. Bailey also is much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kilroy and daughter, Miss Mary Kilroy, of Yantic, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred R. Bailey on Sunday.

Edward Fargo has joined his parents in New London, after spending several months with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Jenkins.

Misses Amy and Alice Rix spent several days last week with their sister, Mrs. Charles Malouf.

Floyd and Allen Fletcher were guests of their cousin, Clyde A. Ray, during the week.

William L. Clark was in Colchester on Saturday.

Charles Staples last week moved to part of Joshua Clark's residence.

William L. Clark called on friends in Colchester recently.

Mrs. Charles Malouf and Misses Amy and Alice Rix were guests of friends in Colchester on Saturday.

Mrs. T. Hunt Sterry of New London is in town for a few days.

Deacon G. F. Allen spent Monday calling on friends in Colchester.

Grange Rehearsal Dance.

The storm of Tuesday evening prevented the regular meeting of the Salem Grange. The members of the Grange are rehearsing a drama, "The Old Homestead," which they expect to present at Grange hall.

Abraham Agranovitz of Colchester was in town Monday.

William L. Clark and Charles Malouf were in Colchester Saturday evening.

Charles Tinker of New London visited friends in town during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred R. Bailey were guests of friends at Crystal Spring farm this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred R. Bailey were guests of Mrs. M. R. Siegfried recently.

E. J. Standish, Charles S. Ray and Miss Kittie Rix were in Colchester during the week.

Acting School Visitor Charles B. Harvey has been making his official visits to the different schools in town.

LEFFINGWELL.

Visitor Taken Seriously Ill—Last Singing School at Home of Charles Rathbun.

Sunday morning after the services at the first Baptist church, Mrs. Harriet Rathbun, who was among the guests at the singing school at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Leffingwell, soon after she arrived there she was taken ill with a slight shock. Later in the afternoon she felt better and was taken to her home at East Great Plain, where she is seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Palmer and Miss Ruth Palmer were guests at John Post's Sunday.

Close of Singing Season.

Last week Friday the last singing school was held at the home of Charles Rathbun. A large number was present. Refreshments were served during the evening. Charles Leffingwell made a speech and presented a sum of money to the singing master, Frank Rose.

Timothy Maine spent Sunday at his home in Ledyard.

C. M. Geislarth has moved his saw mill to Palmettown.

PENDLETON HILL.

Death of Mrs. Ephraim Maine—New Organ Will Be Purchased for Church.

Miss Elmina Thompson and friend, Miss Whitaker, were at Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson's over the week.

Rev. J. J. Adams preached at Ashwallow Sunday afternoon. He was accompanied by Deacon E. E. Coon.

Mrs. Alma Palmer has returned after a short visit with her daughter in Westbury.

The weekly prayer meeting was held at John Gager's this week Friday evening.

Miss Louise Thompson is sick with grippe.

Mr. Almy was entertained at M. O. Chapman's Sunday.

Malcolm Thompson has purchased a pair of grey horses.

Merrick Watson is at his home here, Deacon E. E. Coon is in Westbury today, getting a new organ for the church.

John Newton has returned from a visit in Westbury and Niantic.

Louise Thompson is at home.

Colds are prevalent in this vicinity.

News has been received here of the death of Ephraim Maine. She was a sister of the late Benjamin Thompson.

Thomas Wheeler was in Mystic on Wednesday, called there by the illness of his mother.

GARDNER LAKE.

Neighborhood Notes.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward McGrew of Groton visited relatives Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Burdick were in town Tuesday.

Clifton Eldridge of Groton called on friends Sunday.

J. B. Carpenter, Jr., of Brooklyn was the guest of Orrin Gardner on Tuesday.

Miss Celia Toporoffsky of Hoboken, N. J., is with her parents.

William Parkinson of Niantic called on relatives and friends Tuesday.

Governor Brown of North Stonington visited friends a few days ago.

UNCASVILLE.

Socials of Pequot Council, K. of C.—Officers Chosen by Baptist Sunday School—Child Injured by Exploding Torpedo—Fishing Party.

F. W. Mercer and daughter, of Pequot, recently called for Liverpool, and will spend several months traveling.

Mrs. and Mrs. Edwin Babbitt and children of Hanover were at the home of Mrs. Babbitt's sister, Mrs. Charles Burgess, in Palmettown.

Mrs. Elvira Douglass, who has been occupying rooms in the house with her daughter, Mrs. W. Irving Browning, left town Friday for Niantic, where she will live with another daughter, Mrs. J. P. Morgan.

Osborne Lodge, F. and A. M., held a largely attended meeting Friday evening. A baked bean supper was served after the business meeting.

Charles Burgess, employed in Decatur, was at his home in Palmettown over Sunday.

Mrs. Charles Woodbury, a recent guest of Oakdale, has returned to Brooklyn, N. Y.

K. of C. Entertainment.

The following programme was given at the social and dance Friday and Saturday evenings by Pequot council, K. of C., in Robertson's hall: Friday evening—Banjo duet, William Burns and George Pratt; slack-jawed walking, George N. Wood; vocal solo, Vocal solo, Gus Loomis; song and dance, Sullivan and Barnett; vaudeville act, The More Sisters and Jack Rose; vocal solo, Miss Loretta Hendrix; Miss Alice Wahl was a comedian. After the programme each evening dancing followed, music by Spencer's orchestra and William Smith.

Saturday evening a number of visitors were present, among them a delegation from Fort H. G. Wright baseball team, which the Knights played several games last year. After the social a business meeting was held by the members in Hickey's hall, at which arrangements were made for another season's games.

Officers of Ladies' Aid Society.

At the last meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist church, at the home of Mrs. C. E. Sweet, the reports of the officers were read and new officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. William Noble; first vice president, Mrs. Henry Bolles; second vice president, Mrs. Charles Hope; secretary, Mrs. Eliza Gage; assistant secretary, Mrs. Charles Hope; treasurer, Mrs. Charles Hope; directress, Mrs. Richard Johnson; Mrs. Charles F. Bartlett, Mrs. Charles Watson, Mrs. Louis G. Newton; chaplain, Mrs. S. F. Maine. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Sweet during the meeting.

Resigns as Superintendent.

At the Union Baptist church Sunday during the session of the Sunday school Deacon Edwin S. Henry, recently appointed superintendent to succeed Miss Elvira Douglass, presented his resignation, which was accepted.

Miss Alice Hooper was elected superintendent and Mrs. Fred I. Phillips assistant superintendent. Other officers were followed by the following: Mrs. Maude Wood; organist, Miss Gladys Latimer; home secretary, Mrs. Norman Allen.

Various Local Items.

Mrs. F. A. Woodworth of Hartford is the guest of her brother, Gilbert F. Coats.

The Palmer Memorial school opened Monday after the Easter vacation.

James E. Murphy, principal, returned Sunday night from his home in Dover, N. H., where he spent the vacation.

The insurance agency in which the property of Mrs. Jared Bolles was insured at the time of its burning has effected a satisfactory settlement of damage. The cottage, which was formerly occupied by Robert Bolles, was so badly damaged by fire that what is remaining of it is to be torn down.

The interior of the Montville Center Congregational church is to receive alterations. The ceiling will be re-decorated and the wood work painted.

Threw Stones at Railroad Torpedo.

The six year old child of Mrs. Mitchell Cloutier last Thursday wandered from his home to the Central Vermont railroad track, where he found a railroad torpedo. Throwing stones at it, he finally succeeded in exploding it. He was not seriously injured.

Strike him in the face, lacerating it badly. Upon returning home his wounds were attended to and he is recovering.

News from All Points.

During the storm Monday night a large tree in the yard of the Brown house was struck by lightning and torn to pieces.

The first quarterly conference of the Methodist Episcopal church at which the presiding elder, Rev. J. H. Newland, was present, was held Wednesday night at the parsonage.

Mrs. S. C. Ebbelston, F. S. Sweet and a number of friends enjoyed a sail in Mr. Mitchell's power boat off Block Island, Sunday, bringing home a boat load of good size, also about thirty haddock.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Weisman of New York are spending a while with relatives in Oakdale. During their stay Mr. Weisman is looking for a suitable place to locate.

Miss Bertha Graham, who has been spending a few days with friends in Pequot, returned to Willimantic Monday.

Captain Nathaniel Comstock has launched his sloop and intends to spend the summer months, as has been his custom.

SOUTH LYME.

Items Chiefly Personal.

Mrs. J. W. Roath and daughter are visiting Mrs. Roath's mother, Mrs. J. Post, in Ixorton.

Mrs. Arthur Miner and children visited relatives in North Stonington last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McDonald visited Mrs. E. J. Adams Sunday.

Mrs. Thomas Stanton and daughter, Nora, and Duell Bradley visited relatives in Davidsville Sunday.

Miss Nina Stebbins of East Lyme has been the guest of her cousin, Miss Nora Stanton.

Mrs. David Champion, Jr., is among those who are ill.

Mrs. S. C. Ebbelston is visiting relatives in North Stonington.

Fred Maurice of Philadelphia is the guest of F. C. Payne.

CAMPBELL'S MILLS.

Monday morning Mrs. Hannah Dixon fell and dislocated her hip. Mrs. Dixon is nearly 78 years old.

W. Wilcox is laid up with rheumatism.

S. W. Barber is working for S. L. Barber.

Foxes are destroying all of the poultry on the Wylie farm.

Deer are numerous and very troublesome to the farmers.

OLD MYSTIC.

Revival Services at Baptist Church in Charge of Rev. C. K. Flanders—Knights of St. Paul Hold Interesting Conclave.

A series of revival services opened Sunday morning at the Baptist church in the Wednesday of Rev. C. K. Flanders, the state evangelist. The services have been impressive and uplifting and have been well attended despite the rainy weather.

Castle Mystic Held Conclave.

The Knights of King Arthur, Castle Mystic, 1321, held their twenty-second regular conclave last Friday night in their regular castle hall at the Mystic Hotel.

Merlin Gallup gave the first of a series of talks on Chemistry and Electricity, with illustrative experiments.

At the previous meeting a debate was held on the subject, "Resolved, That the advantages of a trolley to Mystic would outweigh its disadvantages." John L. Hood took the place of one of the united speakers, who was absent. The affirmative was upheld by Paul B. Lamphere and John L. Hood, and the negative by Everett Johnson and Calvin H. Hoxie, Jr. The debate was won by the negative.

Personals.

Mrs. Fannie Chapman Lamb and daughter, Miss Fannie Marie Lamb of Ledyard, were calling Sunday on their aunt and cousin, Mrs. Catherine P. Chipman and daughter, Miss Lillian Pendleton Chipman, at Brushwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Alice T. Fitch were the guests of Mrs. Fitch's mother, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Holdridge.

Mrs. Charles Q. Eldridge of River-view left early Thursday morning for Groton, Mass., having been summoned there by the death of his father.

Miss Mabel Adelia Haley is visiting at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Maria Jones of New London.

Miss Mabel Adelia Haley has been coming to the house this week by illness.

Mrs. Emilie Spencer of Mystic was the guest of Mrs. George W. Wells at Lake Villa.

Miss Maude Tinker is recovering from a severe grip cold.

Mr. and Mrs. William Shank of Ledyard were guests of their son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John William Shank.

John W. Burrows is slowly recovering from a severe cold.

Mrs. John C. Spofford and daughter, Thelma of Brooklyn, N. Y., are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edward Stapely of Burnett's Corners.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Burnet of New London are guests of Mrs. Chipman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin F. Crumb.

Mrs. Adelia Kenyon has returned from a visit to her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Allen of Stonington borough.

Rev. C. K. Flanders is being entertained by Rev. and Mrs. Jephtha M. Olmstead at the Baptist parsonage.

LEDYARD.

Birthday Cake for Grange on Second Anniversary—Oxen Bring High Prices—Brief Locals.

Ledyard Grange held its regular meeting on Saturday evening, the second anniversary of the Grange, with Billings F. Avery, master, in the chair.

The lecture, "The Grange and the Future," by the lecturer, Mrs. Lizzie Colver, who made it very interesting for all.

A good share of the members were dressed in accordance with the age of the grange and caused much mirth. All members of Ledyard grange present were asked to recite something from Mother Goose, and nearly all responded.

The lecture was followed by a selection given at the Pomona grange held in Norwich April 13. Mr. and Mrs. Jacobus and Mrs. Cook of Norwich were present and spoke, as did also Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Richmond, Mr. Sarah H. Main, Miss Eliza Main, and Miss Cora L. Main of North Stonington grange, and Mr. Stinson, and a lady from Mystic grange were also present.

The evening was a birthday cake, presented by Mrs. Colver, with two lighted candles on it. The cake was cut and distributed to all.

Home from Stonington.

Grand Juror Zachary Pierce has returned home after an absence of three weeks, during which he was attending a store for Charles S. Bennett of Stonington.

Mrs. W. F. White, who has been visiting in Groton, returned home Monday afternoon.

Rev. W. F. White preached to a good sized audience on Sunday morning. His subject was "The Knowledge and the Little Religion." Mrs. Dargatzis, Thing.

Preparing Cottage for Help.

Charles Geer, who recently moved to the town of Groton, is having a cottage for the use of his help.

Mrs. Julia Cromwell and son of Dodgeville, N. Y., are visiting the former's mother, Mrs. Sarah H. Main, at Lantern Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Main and family of Mystic have moved to Stanton Mass. Mr. Main is a member of the Baptist church.

Miss Alice Bishop of Bozrah was an over Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Billings T. Avery.

Oxen in Demand.

Oxen seem to be in demand. Many pairs have changed owners this spring.